

The proposed outline of functions for the Non-Soviet Areas Branch suggests that this Branch is to serve exclusively as another arm of operational intelligence. It seems to me to be unwise at this time, with general organizational problems still under review, to create additional branches with this orientation. Hence the following statement of functions is proposed:

1. The primary function of the Non-Soviet Areas Branch will be to serve as a central point of reference for all economic intelligence research on non-Soviet areas. In performing this function, the Branch will:

- a. Maintain such files of estimates as are pertinent to analysis of economic capabilities, vulnerabilities, and intentions of those areas.
- b. Maintain an index of all pertinent economic studies on those areas.
- c. Maintain a continual working liaison with other governmental agencies conducting economic research on those areas.
- d. Maintain such files of estimates and information as are required for operational intelligence relating to those areas.
- e. Follow closely the development and progress of U. S. foreign economic programs.
- f. Perform such analysis of basic data as is pertinent to the primary functions of ORR.

2. The work of the Branch will be focused on organizing and analyzing economic intelligence in the manner most useful for determining the importance of denying the economies of non-Soviet areas to the Soviet Bloc.